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TAGS: PINS, AF
SUBJ: AFGHAN COUP - SITREP 4
REF: KABUL 6197V

1. INFORMATION CONTINUES TO BE FRAGMENTARY, BASED UPON
EMBOFFS, DAO PERSONNEL OBSERVATIONS AND REPORTS FROM
AFGHAN INFORMANTS. ALL MAIN ROADS INTO KABUL NOW RPT NOW
CONTROLLED BY ARMORED VEHICLE ROAD BLOCKS WHILE ADDITIONAL
ARMOR MOVING INTO CITY. TANK CANTONMENT ON PEHSARAR ROAD
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AT PUL-1-CHARKI HAS REMAINING TANKS, REPORTEDLY, GATHERED IN READINESS TO MOVE.

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HE WAS WITH DAUD AT 0400 HOURS JULY 17 WHILE DAUD DRAFTING HIS RADIO MESSAGE (PARA FOUR OF REF). REPORTED COUP CARRIED OUT BY "FIFTY YOUNG OFFICERS" UNDER DAUD AND THAT NO BPT NO DEATHS EXCEPT FOR TWO SOLDIERS. THAT "GOVERNMENT AND ROYAL FAMILY ALL IN CUSTODY" AND OBSERVED THAT "TIME FOR COSMETICS IS OVER, DAUD IS A REALIST". ALSO NOTED THAT DAUD BELIEVED THAT NEXT 36 TO 48 HOURS WOULD SEE IF COUNTER COUP WOULD BE ATTEMPTED.

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3. CONFLICTING REPORT

SAY KILLED IN SHELLING OF HIS RESIDENCE. OTHERS SAY EXECUTED ALONG WITH MINDEF, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND COMMANDING OFFICERS MEMBER OF MILITARY UNITS. OTHER REPORTS (ABOVE) THAT HE NEITHER INJURED NOR DEAD, AND UNDER ARREST. THERE ALSO UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT MANY "POLITICAL PRISONERS" RELEASED FROM DEHMAZANG PRISON.

4. VEHICLES OF ARMORED UNITS CONTINUE TO ENTER CITY. SOME TOURING RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITH TROOPS RIDING ON TOP SHOUTING "DAUD ZINDABAD" (LONG LIVE DAUD), "ABDUL WALI AND WALI KHAN MORDABAD" (DEATH TO ABDUL WALI AND WALI KHAN). THERE LITTLE OR NO RESPONSE FROM USUAL HOMEWARD BOUND PEOPLE.

5. CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTER, KIRK FROM TOKYO BUREAU WHO ENTERED KABUL FROM KHYBER JULY 17 IN CONNECTION WITH "KHYBER PASS ATMOSPHERICS" STORY REPORTED THAT HE ATTEMPTED ENTER KABUL'S MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AFTERNOON OF JULY 17. HE SAID HOSPITAL GUARDED BY TROOPS AND HE ANGRILY TURNED AWAY BY AFGHAN DOCTOR IN BLOODED HOSPITAL CLOTHING. KIRK INTERPRETS THIS EXPERIENCE TO MEAN HIGH LEVEL PERSONAGES INJURED AND HOSPITALIZED.

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